

PORTSMOUTH NEWS

AFFAIRS IN GENERAL

Succinct Statement of News Events. Stripped of Much of the Details.

YESTERDAY'S NEWS BRIEFLY RECORDED

Short Paragraphs Personal and Otherwise—Accounts of Events Interesting to Every Reader—Topics Discussed on the Streets and in Offices and Homes.

There will be several marriages next week.

St. Patrick's Day turned out to be very pretty.

The condition of Mrs. Dashiell does not improve.

There are but two candidates so far for the Mayorship.

There was but one case in the Mayor's court yesterday.

Rev. Dr. Ray will preach the yard today at 12 o'clock.

Mrs. R. L. Beauford is ill at her residence at Port Norfolk.

Mrs. Johna Glover is in New Haven, Conn., visiting relatives.

There was nothing doing in the Hastings Court yesterday.

Hon. J. W. H. Porter has announced himself a candidate for Mayor.

The children in the public schools do not relish the idea of vaccination.

Miss Marie Cherry, of Washington, arrived in the city yesterday on a visit to friends.

Capt. Sawyer, proprietor of the ferry saloon, is confined to his home on account of sickness.

Mr. W. H. Stokes, who was paralyzed some three ago, hopes to be able to get out in a few days.

Mrs. T. J. Meesecock and daughter, Lillie, are both ill at the residence of Mr. Meesecock, on South street.

The condition of Mr. Ben. Cherry, who was so badly beaten a few days ago, was much improved yesterday.

Earl Vaughan, son of Capt. R. F. Vaughan, pulled a kettle of water over on one of his legs and scalded it quite badly.

A horse attached to a delivery wagon ran away on Glasgow street yesterday afternoon and trampled up things generally.

The interest in the meeting at Owen's Memorial church being so great, the pastor decided not to close the meeting until to-night.

It is definitely settled that the Pyralan Castle will be dedicated April 1st unless there is a delay in the arrival of the chairs.

Some one attempted to force an entrance through a rear window of Mr. C. E. Culpepper's house Wednesday but was detected.

There was a pleasant musical and literary entertainment at the residence of Mrs. Geo. A. White, on Washington street last night for the benefit of Wright Memorial church.

A negro man and a woman were fined \$20 yesterday by Justice Armstrong for trespassing on the S. A. L. property.

The man paid his fine but the woman went to jail for 30 days in default.

The Portsmouth Rifles were out on the street drilling last night and made a fine appearance. The tanks were full. The boys are attending drills better since the war rumors started than they did before.

The many friends of the Rev. Mr. Rogers, both in this city and in the county, will be pained to learn that he is ill; recovering from his recent stroke of paralysis, and that he will soon have full use of his limbs again.

William Moore, colored, charged with housebreaking, was committed to the county jail yesterday by Justice Tilton pending examination. Moore is alleged to have entered the house of John Hearp and stolen \$10.50 in money.

NAVY YARD NOTES.

The activities at the yard still continue. There are now on the construction roll 1,100 men. A large part of them are kept at work until 10 p. m. Others come to work at 7 a. m.

The Puritan will be completed and will sail on Monday next, but her destination is not known.

A quantity of ammunition arrived yesterday by the Washington steamer. Fifty more men were taken to the yard yesterday.

A court-martial for the trial of enlisted men will convene today.

The Hancock, now on her way here from Lisbon, will arrive here for repairs.

Capt. A. H. McCormick, of the Oregon, has been invited home by a medical examining board. He is relieved by Capt. Charles E. Clarke. It is believed by Capt. McCormick's friends here that his trouble is the old ankle sprain, which he sustained while captain of this yard. Capt. McCormick resides in Washington.

SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

Mrs. Michael Sherick, through her next friend, Esther Elbert Williams, brought suit in the Circuit Court of Norfolk county yesterday for divorce from her husband, William Sherick.

The Shericks were married in 1888 in this city by the Rev. D. E. Levy, of Norfolk. The couple went to reside in New York, and while living there Mrs. Sherick alleges to her declaration that her husband became cold, careless and indifferent to her, failed to provide for her and compelled her to work for her living. She alleges that she only supported herself, but her husband as well.

After entering the case Judge Peablock, her counsel, withdrew the same and will bring it in another form at the next term.

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RIDAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Norfolk County—Jegh R. Watts, special commissioner, to the Real Estate Investments company, of Washington, D. C., twenty-nine acres of land, situated between the Deep Creek and old Gosport roads and adjoining the Whitehead farm; \$7,000.

George W. Gilbert to Mrs. Cornelia Oliver, lot on Corprew road, Brambleton; \$400.

Wm. H. Barnes, trustee, and others to George A. Martin, 8 1/2 acres of land adjoining the Babcock land in Western Branch district; gift.

W. J. Leitner and others to Joseph R. Guy, two lots on Johnson avenue, Huntersville; \$850.

A. J. Phillips and T. J. Wool and others to F. P. Leavenworth, two lots on the south side of Seaboard avenue, Pinner's Point; \$750.

C. S. Sherwood and wife, etc., to Paul Ridley, lot at the corner of Sherwood avenue and Duke streets, in Sherwood; \$300.

John H. Mitchell and wife to James Pass and acre of land on the Paradise Creek road, near Portsmouth; \$100.

Joseph Goodman and others to Louise and Annie Johns, two lots in Campobella; \$200.

HE HAD TO BE TREATED ROUGHLY.

Yesterday morning William Moore, colored, went to the home of Mr. John Harris, back of Berkeley, and while the family was temporarily absent he broke into the house and stole \$10.50 in money.

Mr. Harris came up just as the man was about to leave the house, and by calling for help he managed to free Moore until an officer could be sent for. But Moore succeeded in freeing himself and made his escape, but was again captured, but had to be knocked down before he would give up, and was badly beaten. He was carried before Justice Tilton, who sent him on to the County Court for housebreaking.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Yesterday was an exception to the general run of St. Patrick's days. It came in with a thick mist, but at sunrise it broke away, and the balance of the day was quite pretty. It was very calm, and there was no wind blowing during the day. This is something unusual. There was no demonstration of any kind. A mass was held at 8 o'clock. A number of persons wore the shamrock, pieces of green ribbon, etc.

The Emeralds had a quiet supper at the Ocean House at night.

CHARGED WITH STEALING A POCKETBOOK.

Yesterday afternoon a young lady who lives in Park View was out visiting on Washington street. While there she hid her pocketbook down. A negro woman named Georgia Wood, who lived there, saw it and carried it off. The lady made complaint at the station house and the woman was arrested. Officer Dicks went to her home and made search for the money, but did not find any. The woman had had sufficient time to dispose of it before he came. She will have a hearing this morning.

CAME NEAR BEING A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Electric car No. 1, of the Portsmouth Street Railway company, ran into the safety gates on Godwin street yesterday and smashed it up pretty badly. But for the fact that the collision stopped the car there would have been a serious accident. Just as the car got caught an engine and train was right there. The motorman admitted that it was his fault, as he had instructions to signal the gatekeeper when he wanted to go through. He said he would pay the damages.

SHE WAS AFRAID HE WOULD SKIP.

Yesterday afternoon a Hebrew barber named Harmanson, who keeps a barber shop on County street, beat his wife quite badly. He was arrested and was recognized for his appearance this morning. Last night his wife's father stated that he believed that Harmanson was going to skip. So he was re-arrested and was taken in the sum of one hundred dollars for his appearance this morning, when the case will be heard.

SEMI-ANNUAL INSPECTION OF POLICE.

Yesterday afternoon the Police Commissioners, composed of the Hon. J. T. Baird, Dr. L. A. Bilsby, Robert Taylor, W. A. Green and James O. Shannon, met, inspected the police, and gave out the contract for summer uniforms.

Mr. Hirsch, of Gosport, being the lowest bidder for the cloth furnished, his bid being \$20 per suit. The men were highly complimented upon their appearance, etc.

RATHER UNUSUAL.

A number of the teachers of the public school want to attend the matinee of "Julius Caesar" yesterday afternoon, and for that reason one school was taught by the Second District school, the scholars getting out at 2 o'clock. This is something unusual, and there is no reason the smaller children should have been kept until that time.

COLLISION ON THE ROAD.

Wednesday afternoon a lady was coming down Glasgow street in a buggy, and was into a sulky driven by John Burton, a collector for J. S. Crawford, turning it over and injuring the horse's leg. The sulky was badly broken. Mr. Burton was thrown out, but was not hurt.

DEATH OF MRS. ROUTEN.

Mrs. Mary S. Routen, aged 80 years, died at the residence of Mrs. Nash, No. 509 South street, yesterday afternoon, at 1:40 o'clock. Her remains will be forwarded to Prince Edward county Saturday morning via the Norfolk and Western for interment.

TOES CUT OFF.

Mrs. Rachael Jacobson, the wife of Mr. Max Jacobson, who resides on Godwin street, yesterday morning accidentally cut two toes off her left foot while splitting wood. Medical aid was summoned and the lady was made as comfortable as possible.

A chill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough or croup sounds through the house at night. But the Tetter soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered. Safe and harmless for children.

J. M. F. Trotter, Norfolk; R. L. Walker, Brambleton, and Trullie & Smith, Berkeley.

LOOKED LIKE WAR.

Last night when the steamer Hampton Roads arrived at the Bay Line wharf, about 6:30 o'clock, with a number of soldiers on board it looked like war had begun. There was a large crowd awaiting them and all arrangements had been made by the Seaboard Air Line to take them on their journey.

Battery 1, first section United States Artillery, three officers and fifty-eight men, under command of Captain Patterson, with 12,000 pounds of baggage, will go to Fort Caswell, N. C.

Battery 1, second section, United States Artillery, three officers and fifty-three men, under command of Captain Cazier, with 17,500 pounds of baggage, will be taken to Fort Morgan, Ala.

Battery F, First United States Artillery, three officers and fifty-five enlisted men, under command of Captain Davis, with 15,000 pounds of baggage, will go to Tybee Island, Ga.

Three baggage cars were boarded on Old Point and were brought over on a barge, while seven day coaches and one sleeper and one Pullman were waiting to take them when they arrived. Their first stop will be Greenwood, where a train will be waiting to take Battery 1 to Tybee Island via Savannah. At Hamlet the Port Caswell section will take the battery for that place.

Passenger Agent J. W. Brown will look after their welfare, and from Hamlet the train will make no stop except for water and coal until it reaches Atlanta. From there it will make another run to Mobile under the care of Mr. Gathway Forbes, who, on arriving at Mobile, will turn over the battery to Southwestern Passenger Agent B. H. Tate, who will conduct them to Fort Morgan, their destination.

No. 604 took the soldiers on their trip and the popular engineer, Mr. Edward Clark held the throttle.

The engine was under command of Captain Davis, who came to Old Point from California, he is a new man and has been there ever since. The Captain said to The Virginian representative that he considered this an emergency call and that they would take charge of some new parts that had just been built, and that he thought by April his men would have an opportunity to fire on the Spaniards, as he believed by that time war would be declared.

The men—197 in number—were fine looking men, well disciplined and were all from North Carolina and Virginia except the officers. They can be relied on to do their duty if occasion requires it. When the train left they were given three rousing cheers, which was responded to by the soldiers. Some of the inmates of the jail hailed from the window: "Give it to them, boys, we are with you."

The war fever was just at its height and had been just at its height at the time there would have been no trouble to secure them. Old Portsmouth can always be relied on when duty calls.

DROWNED OFF A LIGHTER.

Yesterday morning two negro men were carrying a lighter of wood and mure from Portsmouth up to some of the trucks on Western Branch, when one of them, named Jacob Connolly, slipped and fell overboard and was drowned. Connolly lived near Smokeytown, in the county. The other man came to the city and secured another man to help him get the lighter to its destination. The body of Connolly was not recovered, although an effort was made to find him. Just at this point the tide runs strong and the body may have been washed down the river.

FUNERALS YESTERDAY.

The funeral of Mr. Thomas Dwyer took place yesterday afternoon from Central M. E. church. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Ray, after which the remains were interred in Oak Grove cemetery.

The funeral of Mr. William Wilby took place yesterday afternoon from the Fourth Street Baptist church. The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Fisher, after which the remains were interred in Oak Grove cemetery.

A DESPERATE WOMAN.

There is a negro woman named Caroline Dunstan, living on King street, who is a regular nuisance. She has been arrested a number of times for drunkenness and creating a disturbance.

Wednesday she was arrested for drunkenness. She first attempted to cut Officer Dicks with a knife, failing to do that she tried to bite a piece out of his leg, which she also failed in. Yesterday his Honor gave her thirty days in jail as a common nuisance.

A SECRETARY CALLED.

The directors of the local Y. M. C. A., at a meeting on Tuesday night, extended a call to Mr. Stubbs, assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Richmond, to the secretaryship of the association here.

Mr. Crocker, president of the Portsmouth Association, said yesterday that he had received no intimation from Mr. Stubbs whether he would accept or not, but that he thought to-day's mail would bring some news.

CUT IN THE LEG.

Wednesday night a colored man named Walker was attacked on the Deep Creek road just beyond the toll gate by some unknown parties. In the scuffle he received a cut in the leg several inches long. He was picked up about 10 o'clock and was carried to William's drug store in South Portsmouth, where the wound was sewed up, after which he was sent to his home.

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NAVAL ORDERS.

Rear Admiral E. O. Matthews, whose term of the Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks expired Tuesday, has been assigned to duty as president of the Naval Retiring Board in Washington, relieving Commodore R. V. McNair of that duty. Commodore Matthews will continue his present duties as president of the Naval Examining Board. Medical Inspector W. S. Dixon has been detached from the Brooklyn, Norfolk, for treatment. Chief Engineer W. B. Durning has been ordered to the Monadnock, relieving Chief Engineer W. H. Nauman, who is granted two months' leave of absence. Medical Inspector P. Fitzsimmons has been detached from the Board of Inspection and Survey at Washington and ordered to the Brooklyn. Captain C. E. Clark has been detached from the command of the Monterey and ordered to the command of the Oregon, relieving Captain A. H. McCormick, who is granted six months' sick leave of absence.

NORFOLK COUNTY COURT—CHANCERY DOCKET.

The sickness of counsel in the common law case of H. G. Elbridge vs. Smith, receiver, set for trial in the Circuit Court for to-day, having necessitated a continuance of that case, the day will be devoted to contested chancery cases. The bar will take notice and be prepared for the hearing of such chancery cases.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

A gentleman named Watson, who lives on Fecchurh street, in Norfolk, claims that on Wednesday night about 9 o'clock while returning from a house on County street extended, that he was stopped by two negro men, who demanded his money. He refused to give it up and the men, seeing some one coming, left and he proceeded on his journey.

DEATH OF ONE OF THE OLDEST MEN IN THE COUNTY.

Mr. Thomas Grimes, aged 91 years, one of the oldest men in the county, died last night at 8 o'clock, at his home in Churchland. He was well known all over the county and in both Norfolk and Portsmouth. Notice of funeral later.

PETERSBURG NOTES.

March Term Hastings Court—Looking for a Pastor.

Petersburg, Va., March 17.—(Special.)—The March term of the Hastings Court of Petersburg, Judge J. M. Mullin, officiating, opened this morning. Hoses Graves, colored, was convicted of a third offense of petit larceny and was given one year in the penitentiary. William Harris, colored, indicted for the theft of a horse and buggy, the property of Mr. G. Holson Smith, of this city, was sent to States prison for five years.

Willis Sutton, colored, charged with keeping his barroom open on Sunday, was fined \$150. This was an appeal case from the decision of the Mayor, by whom the accused was fined \$30. A motion for a new trial will be argued.

Judge Mullin announced from the bench that hereafter he would impose a fine upon all witnesses who were not promptly in court when their names were called. This announcement was due to the dilatory attendance of witnesses.

On Friday night, March 25th, Major General Danby H. Maury, who was in the Confederate army, will deliver a lecture here on "The Life and Military Career of Lieutenant General N. B. Forrest, Confederate States Army."

The pulp committee of the Second Baptist church held a meeting last night for the purpose of taking action looking to the calling of a pastor to succeed the Rev. A. J. Fristoe, who has accepted a call to the Central Baptist church at Birmingham, Ala. The names of several ministers from which to make a selection to extend a call were presented, but no action was taken.

The City Council will meet again tomorrow night to see if they can agree on a rate for water through meters. The water question appears to be a very knotty one and difficult to dispose of in a satisfactory manner.

There was no formal observance of St. Patrick's day in Petersburg.

Prompt and Permanent.

Richmond, Va., March 14, 1893.—John T. With, 221 N. 25th street, this city, was poisoned by a snake bite. He took Hood's Sarsaparilla and recovered him. He says his blood has been pure ever since and he earnestly recommends this medicine.

IN BERKLEY

Miss Fletcher Chapman, a popular, charming and accomplished young lady of Smithfield, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Dr. W. B. Aspinwall, on Berkeley avenue.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Berkeley Avenue Baptist church gave a very fancy entertainment at the residence of Mrs. Jefferson, on Maple avenue, last night. The attendance was large and added much to the occasion. The program was of a well selected kind, and the rendition was pleasing and creditable. The following are the names of those who were on the program: Reception, Miss G. Gilbert; solo, Miss Addie Heath; trio, Misses Eley, West and Howard; instrumental duet, Misses Banks and Thompson; recitation, Miss Bevels; readings, Misses T. Whitehead, of Zuck, and Mr. William Horn and Luke John, of Torr, are also guests of friends of Berkeley Military Institute.

Our popular townsman, Mr. W. B. Dougherty, has just put in his new spring stock of notions and has his windows decorated in a very attractive style with everything that would please the eye.